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Satellite Communication in education Sector
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiative to introduce satellite communication and application technology in educational sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI.Y. S. CHOWDARY)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) During 2004, as part of tele-education program of ISRO, a dedicated satellite EDUSAT was launched for providing educational services. ISRO in association with State and Central institutions had established 83 tele-education networks consisting of 5000 interactive and 55000 receive-only terminals as part of pilot, semi-operational and operational phase networks. Currently, 47 such networks are using INSAT-3C, INSAT-4A, INSAT-4CR and GSAT-12 for providing services. The Department of Space has allocated two transponders in GSAT-15 satellite for launching 32 Educational DTH channels by MHRD for broadcasting high quality educational programs on 24 x 7 basis.

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